



## The Indiana Legislature.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday Jan. 5th, 1845.

The Speaker laid before the House a proposition from Joseph R. Pratt, superintendent of the State Prison, in which he agrees to take the prison for five years and pay the State five thousand dollars per year, at the end of each year. The bill was referred to the committee on the penitentiary, and the committee reported in favor of the bill. The bill was then passed.

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Mr. Hardin from the same committee, reported back the bill for the relief of the inhabitants of Adams township, Cass county; ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Edmonson from the committee on corporations reported back the bill relative to the council of Lawrenceburg, &c.; ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Berry from the same committee reported back the bill to incorporate the Rockville and Montgomery Railroad company with the usual amendments; concurred in. The bill passed to the third reading.

Mr. Akin from the committee on Finance made an able report relative to the Lunatic Asylum, and presented a bill to provide for the erection of the edifice of the Indiana Hospital for the insane; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports from Select Committees.

Mr. Cuyper reported a bill relative to certain roads in Elkhart county; passed to a third reading.

Mr. Winchell reported a bill to incorporate the Marion and Wabash Railroad company; referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Hardin, to reduce the fees of the Auditor of John county; passed.

Mr. Edmonson reported a resolution that the Senate will on half-past eight in the morning, and half-past nine in the afternoon; laid on the table, &c., &c., &c.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from Joseph H. Pratt, enclosing a proposition referred to a select committee.

Mr. Todd from a select committee reported a bill amending the city charter of Indianapolis; passed to a second reading.

Mr. Todd introduced a resolution requiring the committee on canals and internal improvements to be requested to inquire into the expediency of the State near Indianapolis, whether the lessees have complied with their terms &c.; laid on the table.

Mr. Barbour moved a reconsideration of the bill for the relief of Sophia Jane Neal; which prevailed, and was then passed.

Mr. Pomeroy introduced a bill for the relief of Benjamin H. Scott; passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the bill for the relief of Jacob Jones, &c.; for the relief of messengers to notify elections, &c.; was reconsidered, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Todd, the bill relative to the White river bridge was taken up and passed.

Mr. Edmonson from a select committee, reported back a bill exempting William Starks from paying a State and county tax; passed.

Mr. Todd from the same committee, reported back a bill to provide for the leasing of water power on the Wabash and Erie canal; passed.

Mr. Todd from the same committee, reported back a bill to extend the time of the commissioners of courts in Hamilton and Laporte; for the payment to Mary Wood and others for damages, &c.; passed.

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By Mr. Cookerly, appointing a board to superintend the leveling of Jordan Creek in Vigo; read three times and passed.

By Mr. Stanfield, a bill to vacate a part of M. Shaw's in St. Joseph county; read three times and passed.

By Mr. Coffin, authorizing commissioners in Henry to reduce the width of roads; read a first time.

By Mr. Thompson, to establish an additional election precinct in Union township, Perry county; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Slater, granting the citizens of Lawrenceburg a city charter; read twice and referred.

By Mr. Turner, legalizing the official acts of Probate Judge of Wells; read a first time.

By Mr. Harvey, legalizing the assignments of certificates of school lands; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Powers, to provide for a free turnpike road in Steuben county; read a first time.

By Mr. Cox, to divorce Henry P. Smith (a colored gentleman); read a first time.

The bill to tax school lands after ten years from purchase, was taken from the table, and committed to a select committee.

The bill fixing the time of holding courts in the third judicial circuit; was twice read and referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Lowe, a bill for the relief of Indiana Young, a divorce.

Also, to divorce Robert Hemphill; which severally passed to a second reading and passed.

The House now took up messages from the Senate, and a great number of bills were read and amendments of the Senate concurred in, &c.

The joint resolution from the Senate on the subject of the Oregon Territory, was read a second time; when Mr. Miller moved to refer to a select committee; which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Davis moved to suspend the rule and read the bill a third time now.

Mr. Secret moved to reconsider the vote referring to a select committee; which motion prevailed, and Messrs. McDonald, Stanfield, and Secret were appointed the committee.

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A bill to establish a State road in the counties of Whitely, Huntington, and Wabash; passed to the second reading.

Also, a bill to locate a State road in Noble and Kosciusko counties; passed to the second reading.

Mr. Hamer, from the committee on federal relations, reported back the bill in relation to the 16th section; read the first time.

Mr. Morgan of D. from the committee on claims reported against the bill in relation to a contractor on the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad; passed to the third reading.

Mr. Buell, from the committee on the State Bank, reported a bill amending certain statutes in relation to the State Bank; passed to the second reading.

Herriman introduced a bill to authorize the recording of a road in Steuben county; read three times and passed.

Mr. Parks, from the committee on agriculture, reported back the bill in relation to partnership fees; passed to a third reading.

Mr. Hamer, from the same committee, reported back the bill to incorporate the Greensfork and Hagerstown canal company, with the usual amendments. The individual liability clause was not concurred in.

The Senate then refused to engross the bill. The Senate then adjourned.

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on canals, &c., with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed; and, on the question, Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed? it was decided in the affirmative, yeas 62, nays 81. A long discussion of upwards of two hours duration, took place on the above motion, in which Messrs. Clynor, Pennington, Stapp, Rousseau, Dowling and Osborn of Laporte, participated. The recommendation of the committee, for a postponement of the bill, was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Rousseau, who was absent when the bill was passed by the committee, and who opposed the indefinite postponement.

This vote has finally disposed of the last claim of Mr. Hendricks.

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AGENCY MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. OF N. Y.

The following article from the "Morning Courier and Enquirer," of New York, exhibits the advantages of Life Insurance in a very favorable light, and it is respectfully commended to the careful notice of gentlemen now visiting at the capital. It may be proper to state that the person referred to, as having suddenly deceased in Indiana, is understood to be Mr. Craft, formerly of Carlisle, but at the time of his death a citizen of Terre Haute.

The statement of the Company's affairs on the 1st December, instant, hereto appended, exhibits an invested and cash capital to meet its liabilities on Policies of \$188,051.25. When it is considered that this ample fund has been accumulated in a period of less than three years, over and above its losses and expenses during that time, no one can reasonably object to the security which the Company offers for the prompt settlement and payment of its losses. Indeed there is no other office in the United States which presents so unexceptionable claims on the confidence and patronage of the public, as this well-managed and successful insurance company.

The subject is one of the great interest, and the community is now awakening to a true sense of its importance, as a means of accumulating wealth, and securing for the family a comfortable and independent future. Life Insurance upon the purely mutual principle, which gives to the insured the power of directing the proceeds to all classes of society; to the man of limited means, and to the wealthy. A well-endowed institution upon this principle, gives to the party insured immense profits, in addition to the sum insured by the policy. It has been the experience in Great Britain, and no doubt will be so